

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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(Presented by the Commission to the Council)

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The Council intends to reach an agreement as early as possible in 1979 on Community measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources and related matters. Pending its decision in the matter and in view both of the expiry of the period laid down in Article 102 of the Act of Accession and of the need to protect the biological resources and to maintain suitable relations with third countries in fisheries matters the Council decides on the following interim measures.

1. Member States shall conduct their fisheries in such a way that the catches of their vessels during the interim period shall take into account TACs submitted to the Council in the Commission's Communication of 23 November 1978 (COM(78)669 final) and the part of the TACs likely to be made available to third countries under agreements or arrangements made by the Community with them. The catches taken in the interim period will be offset against the allocations eventually decided by the Council for 1979.
2. As regards technical measures for the conservation and surveillance of fishery resources Member States shall apply the same measures as they applied on 3 November 1976, except in so far as these have been modified with the approval of the Commission, and measures which are consistent with the Commission's proposals for the year 1978.
3. The Council agrees to prorogue, on the basis of a proposal the Commission will submit, for the year 1979 Council Regulation (EEC) No 1852/78 of 25 July 1978 on an interim measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry and to allocate 15 MEUA thereto for the financial year 1979.